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Applicant: Lenz et al

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**As a below named inventor(s), I (we) hereby declare that:**

My (Our) residence, post office address and citizenship(s) are as stated below next to my (our) name(s) David J. Lenz, Brandon W. Chung, and Ai Quoc Pham

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Flexible Interconnects for Fuel Cell Stacks

the specification of which (check one)

X is attached hereto \_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application  
Number or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I (We) hereby state that I (we) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I (We) acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I (We) hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35, U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Not Claimed

(Application Number) (Country) (Foreign Filing Date)



I (We) hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
 STATUS [37 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27(d)] - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

The Regents of the University of California  
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**TYPE OF ORGANIZATION**

X  University or other Institute of Higher Education

I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code with regard to the invention entitled FLEXIBLE INTERCONNECTS FOR FUEL CELL STACKS

by inventor(s) David J. Lenz, Brandon W. Chung and Ai Quoc Pham.

described in

X  the specification filed herewith.

\_\_\_\_\_ application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

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I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above identified invention, except for a license to a Federal Agency pursuant to 35 USC 202(c) (4).

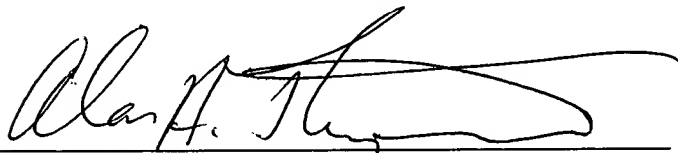
Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

X no such person, concern, or organization

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